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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. W. LEAK,.....Ansonville, N. C.
" C. ELLIS,.....Linwood, N. C.
" B. R. RICHARDSON,.....Ansonville, N. C.
" H. COWIN,.....Salisbury, N. C.
" D. M. JACKSON.....Rockingham, N. C.
" A. D. McCRAY,.....
" G. ELLIS,.....Linwood, N. C.
" C. H. LINN,.....Concord, N. C.
" JAMES HARGRAVE,.....Lincolnton, N. C.
" C. HARTMAN, ...Linwood, N. C.
" TIM. SHAD,.....Gold Hill, N. C.
" BERRY HASTY,.....Davidson's Hill, N. C.

Licentiates.

RILEY HASKEN, H. HASKEN,
W. SCARBER, FRANK PATTERSON,
A. M. PHIFER, NELSON KERNES.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Yadkin Grove Church, Rowan Co., N. C.,
Wednesday, Sept. 21st, 1881.

The Association met at 12 o'clock, M., and was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. Washington Leak proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from Job. 31 : 3. : "Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?" The sermon was very pointed and made lasting impressions.

After singing the 966th hymn prayer was offered by Bro. ——— and the Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at 2 o'clock.

Services were conducted by Rev. H. Cowin, who read the 8th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew.

After singing hymn 573, prayer was offered by Rev. B. R. Richardson.

Rev. H. Cowin then addressed the Association by saying: As the good Lord has spared us, brethren, to meet together again in this noble cause, to work for His Kingdom, in this it becomes us to work together as men, and as brethren.

Bro. Cowin then said that the house was ready for business.

On motion, the following committee of five was appointed to nominate the Moderator: Rev. C. Ellis, H. Hasken, Abraham Hone, Jackson Henderson and Henry Samuel. After a short time the committee reported as follows:

That Rev. W. Leak be made Moderator, and Rev. B. R. Richardson Vice-Moderator.

Adopted.

Revs. C. Ellis and H. Cowin conducted the Moderator to the chair.

On motion, Bro. L. H. Hasken was elected Clerk, and Rev. G. W. Holmes Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator said that the house was ready for business, and whatever matter they had might come forth.

On motion, the appointment of committees, and delegates for this session was in order.

On motion of Rev. S. Broaderway, the churches and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Thomasville, Montgomery county—H. Barringer.
Yadkin Grove, Rowan county—Morrow Phifer, G. W. Holmes, Henry Holmes.
Pleasant Hill, Anson county— ———
New Hope, Stanly county—J. Z. Underwood.
Sharon, Anson county—S. Broadway.
Allison Grove, Cabarrus county—A. M. Phifer.
Red Hill, Anson county,— ———
Smith Grove, Davidson county—James Hargrave, H. S. Samuel.
Poplar Spring, Richmond county, Mt. Pleasant, Anson county, Pee Dee, Anson county—By letter.
Buncombe, Davidson county—G. Low.
Liberty Hill, Richmond county— ———
Mt. Zion, Rowan county—Jackson Henderson, J. S. Murphy.
New Zion, Davidson county—A. Tramham and Eli Chambrus.
Pine Straw, Davidson county—Rile Hasken.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Services—Revs. H. Cowin, G. W. Holmes, Rile Hasken, H. B. Barringer, S. Broaderway and G. Lowe.

On Letters and Credentials—Revs. C. Ellis, G. Ellis, J. Z. Underwood, A. M. Phifer, B. R. Richardson and Jack Henderson.

On Hours of Business—A. Tramham, Henry Holmes and William Roberson.

The Moderator then gave leave to the committees to retire.

After a short time the committee on Hours of Business returned and made their report as follows:

That we meet at 9 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 12 o'clock M., meet at 2 o'clock P. M. and adjourn at 5 o'clock P. M.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Religious Services reported as follows:

That Rev. B. R. Richardson fill the stand to-night at 8 o'clock.

Adopted.

At the appointed hour the house was well crowded, and Bro. Richardson preached a well arranged sermon from 2 Kings 4: 41: "But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat And there was no harm in the pot." The sermon was greatly enjoyed by all.

A collection was taken amounting to $1.25.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Thursday, Sept. 22nd, 1881.

Association met at 9 o'clock, Moderator in the chair. Sung hymn 354 and read the 2nd Epistle of John. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Ellis, after which the Moderator declared the house ready for work.

On motion of Rev. C. Ellis, the proceedings of yesterday were read and adopted.

On motion of S. Broaderway, all letters from the churches were turned over to the Finance committee.

On motion of S. Broaderway, the following committee was appointed to nominate a Treasurer: H. Barringer, Jackson Henson, G. Low.

The Moderator then introduced Rev. James Hargrave, who was made welcome to a seat.

On motion of Rev. G. Ellis, the committee appointed to nominate a Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committee, have chosen Rev.S.Broaderway for the Treasurer of this Association.

On motion of S.Broaderway,it was agreed that any church belonging to this Association failing to represent herself at the next annual meeting shall be dropped from the roll.

On motion of Rev. C. Ellis, it was agreed that Rev. James Hargrave shall bring a letter ofdismission from his Association to join this Association.

On motion of S. Broaderway,the time for adjournment was extended fifteen minutes, and Allen Tranham and others sung hymn 623, and prayer was offered by Bro. C. B. Heartman, after which a Sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Linn, from the 4th chapter of James and 7th

verse: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The sermon made lasting impressions. Prayer by L. H. Hasken; benediction by C. H. Linn.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at 2 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair, and sung hymn 971. After reading the 1st chapter of Hosea, and prayer by Rev. H. Cowin, the Moderator said the house was ready for business.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. G. Ellis, it was agreed to take up the unfinished business.

On motion of S. Broaderway, the missionary matter was taken up and settled.

The committee on Religious Exercises made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

That Bro. James Hargrave fill the stand to-night at 8 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

Night Session.

At 8 o'clock Rev. James Hargrave filled the stand and read the third chapter of Habakkuk. After singing hymn 757, prayer was offered by Rev. W. Leak and Bro. H. preached from the 3rd chapter of Hab. and 4th verse: "And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand; and there was the hiding of his power." The sermon was very pointed and well delivered, after which a collection was taken up to the amount of $2.

Association adjourned with benediction.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, Sept. 23rd, 1881.

The Association met at 8 o'clock, Moderator in the chair. The 8th chapter of Luke was read, the 49th hymn sung and prayer offered by Rev. H. Cowin, after which the Moderator

said the house was ready for business. Proceedings of the yesterday's afternoon session were read and adopted.

On motion of S. Broaderway, it was agreed that every church belonging to this Association that shall fail to come up and pay the amount taxed, after the brethren and delegates shall have warned them, shall be called to account.

On motion of Rev. W. Leak, it was decided that each church belonging to this Association be taxed five cents per member for the Association work.

On motion of Rev. James Hargrave, the Moderator was requested to appoint a committee to find out why we cannot go into the State Convention, which he did, as follows: Revs. James Broaderway, C. H. Linn, S. Broaderway, Jack Henderson and H. Barringer.

On motion of H. Cowin, it was agreed that the Moderator appoint an Examining Committee of five. The names of the Committee are: Revs. C. Ellis, G. Ellis, B. R. Richardson, A. Tranham and A. Phifer.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at two o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. Sung hymn 619.

Prayer by Rev. B. R. Richardson.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion of J. Z Underwood, a committee of three was appointed on temperance, as follows: Rev. James Hargrave, C. H. Linn and J. Z. Underwood.

On motion, it was ordered that Bro. James Hargrave shall bring a letter from his Association before he shall be considered a member of this Association.

On motion of Rev. H. Cowin, a committee of seven was appointed on time and place of the next meeting of this Association, as follows: H. Barringer, M. Phifer, W. R. Robberson, H. Ruff, Jackson Henderson, Eli Chambers and Henry Holmes.

The committee retired, and in a short time returned and reported, as follows:

That the next meeting of this Association be held with the Thomasville Church in Montgomery county, N. C., and that it meet on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1882.

The report was adopted.

The committee on devotional services reported that Rev. C. H. Linn will preach to-night at 8 o'clock, Rev G. Ellis his alternate.

On motion of G. W. Holmes, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. B. R. Richardson.

Night Session.

The Association met at 8 o'clock, when the house was filled to its utmost capacity.

Rev. G. Ellis opened the services by singing the 638th hymn; Rev. C. H. Linn read the 5th chapter of Matthew.

Prayer by Bro. Allen Tranham.

Rev. C. H Linn preached from Matthew 5th chapter and 3d verse: "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The sermon was to the point, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

After which a collection was taken up to the amount of $2.00.

Benediction by James Hargrave.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, Sept. 24th, 1881.

The Association met at 9 o'clock.

Rev. B. R. Richardson opened the meeting by reading the 85th Psalm, and singing hymn 1124.

Prayer by the Moderator.

The proceedings of the afternoon session were read and adopted.

On motion of Rev. G. Low, the unfinished business was taken up and turned over to the finance committee.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to see whether or not we shall be represented in the State Convention.

After a short time the committee returned and reported as follows:

That this Association shall be represented in the Baptist State Convention to be held at Wilmington, N. C., on the 19th of October, 1881.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. H. Cowin, a committee was appointed to recommend an order of services on Thanksgiving day, and that brethren M. Phifer, C. Ellis, H. Sumner and Abraham Heine constitute said committee.

The committee reported that they would hold services at the Yadkin Grove church; which report was adopted.

On motion of M. Phifer, a committee of three was appointed on printing the minutes. Brethren T. H. Hasken, G. W. Holmes and G. Low constituted said committee.

On motion of Rev. A. Cowin, agreed to pay off our accounts. Paid the Moderator 75 cents; Vice Moderator 50 cents; Rec. Sec. 60 cts.; Cor. Sec. 40 cts; committee 50 cts.

The Association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at 2 o'clock, Moderator in the chair.

Rev. B. R. Richardson read the 6th chapter of Romans.

Prayer by Rev. James Hargrave.

The Moderator announced the house ready for business.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to say how much money the Association should send to the Convenion. Brethren M. Phifer, H. Holmes and A. M. Phifer were appointed said committee.

The committee recommended that the Association send $8.00 for the State Convention and $5.00 for the Educational work.

The Association then adjourned.

Night Session.

The Ministerial Board met at 8 o'clock for the examination of candidates. The Board consisted of Rev. H. Cowin, Chairman, Rev. W. Leak, Clerk, C. Ellis, C. H. Linn, B R. Richardson, G. Low and A. Tranham. Bros. C. Hartman and Harson Hasken came before the Board. Bro. Hasken's examination was laid over until the fifth Sunday in October, and Bro. Hartman, after his examination, was appointed to preach on Sunday, at 10 o'clock.

After which Bro. Hargrave preached a sermon from Matthew, 9th chapter, 4th verse.

Prayer by Bro. William Roberson. Sung hymn 331.

A collection was taken up to the amount of $2.00.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1882.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association met on Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, at the church, and after singing the 334th hymn, Bro. C. Hartman preached from Luke, 14th chapter, 22d verse: "And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room." The sermon was well gotten up and made lasting impressions on all that heard it. Bro. Hartman was then ordained by the laying on of hands. Prayer by Rev. C. Ellis. The Bible was presented by Rev. H. Cowin, and the right hand of fellowship given by all the ministers and brethren.

At 12 o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by Rev. H. Cowin, from Isaiah, 6th chapter and 11th verse. Prayer by C. H. Linn.

After which a collection was taken up to the amount of $10.58 cents.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Yadkin Grove church and vicinity for their kindness in taking care of the delegation.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. This Association shall be opened with devotional services conducted by the Moderator or others appointed by him.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, corrected and adopted.
3. No brother shall be interrupted when speaking, unless his remarks are foreign to the matter under discussion; any brother may then rise to a point of order, or the Moderator may call him to the proposition under debate.
4. When a member is called to order by the Moderator, he shall take his seat until it is determined by the Moderator whether he is in order or not. Said member may appeal from the decision of the Moderator; the decision of the Association shall be final.
5. No member shall be allowed to go to sleep, spit on the floor, or whisper in the session room.
6. No member shall be allowed to leave the house without permission of the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Yadkin Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches in good standing, and in full practice of the doctrines, practice of faith, discipline and ordinances of the regular Baptist denomination.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a President and Vice President, a Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties respectively shall be such as are commonly exercised by these officers, and who shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The sole object of this Association shall be for fraternal intercourse and mutual counsel, to promote the union of the churches, and to look especially to the cause of Christ within the bounds of the Association.

ART. 5. This Association shall meet annually, composed of not more than three delegates from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting shall convene on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, A. M., before the second Sabbath in October, with an introductory sermon, and continue until the business of the Association is completed.

ART. 6. All visiting regular ordained ministers of our faith and order, who are in good standing in their respective churches, and corresponding delegates can have a seat with us to give counsel, but not to vote. Voting shall only be by the delegates.

ART. 7. Any church of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after gospel steps have been legally taken to reclaim her and she persists in her course, shall no longer be a member of this body; and the reasons in full shall be published in the Minutes. Furthermore, any church failing to be represented by letter or delegates two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition; and if she neglects to attend the third year, shall be dropped from the Association.

ART. 8. No difficulty existing between churches or in a church shall be heard by this Association until gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

ART. 9. The Scriptures, the word of God, shall be a sufficient rule of faith, doctrine and practice, etc., of this Association, and the traditions of men, where they have neither precept nor example in the Scriptures to justify them, shall be rejected.

ART. 10. The following committees shall be appointed after the election of officers: First, Committee on Devotional Exercises, except on the Sabbath day. 2d Committee on Finance. 3. Committee on Admission of Churches and Correspondence. 4th. Committee on Publication of the Minutes. 5th. Committee on Time and Place of the next Annual Session. 6th. Committee on Miscellaneous business.

ART. 11. The Rules of Order in the Baptist Church Directory shall govern the deliberations of this body.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be amended by a two-third vote, provided that twelve months' notice of such be given.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Sab. of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Total Membership.	No. Sabbath School Scholars.	Teachers.
Smith Grove,	Davidson,	C. Ellis,	Charley Hargrave, Linwood,	3	18	...	1	...	...	1	150	60	4
Yadkin Grove,	Rowan,	C. Ellis,	G. W. Holmes, Salisbury,	2	...	...	1	...	3	1	46	50	4
New Zion,	Davidson,	G. Ellis,	Hampton Ellis, Linwood,	4	...	...	...	...	5	1	60	40	3
Pee Dee,	Anson,	W. Leak,	S. H. Ingram, Ansonville,	2	8	...	..	..	..	...	38	38	...
Red Hill,	Anson,	B. R. Richardson,	B. Kirby, Lilesville,	4	3	...	...	2	...	4	67	68	...
Mount Zion,	Rowan,	H. Cowin,	G. Murphy, Salisbury,	4	6	...	...	...	...	3	82	39	3
Liberty Hill,	Richmond,	W. Leak,	Atlas Roberson,	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	44	30	...
Allison Grove,	Cabarrus,	J. Hargrave,	A. W. Phifer, Concord,	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	35	...
Sharon,	Anson,	B. R. Richardson,	P. H. Thomas,	4	6	3	...	...	2	...	13	38	1
Pine Shaw,	Dare,	G Ellis,	T. H. Hasken, Fork Church,	1	...	...	..	..	...	...	80	50	1
Thomasville,	Montgomery,	W. Leak,	Shadrack Ingram,	1	19	...	...	...	1	3	80	63	...
Pleasant Hill,	Anson,	W. Leak,	P. R. Pyson, Ansonville,	4	3	..	..	2	...	4	.....	68	...
Mount Pleasant,	Anson,	W. Leak,	Jenkins Huff,	3	...	1	...	...	1	...	35	....	...
Buncombe,	Davidson,	G. Ellis,	G. Low, Linwood,	1	1	...	1	...	1	2	25	42	...
Poplar Springs,	Richmond,	D. M. Jackson,	.....	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...
New Hope,	Stanly,	B. R. Richardson,	.....	3	2	...	...	...	...	3	42	25	...
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